

By Representative Mosbrucker

**PSHB 2325** - H COMM AMD (TO H-5077.1/20)

By Committee on Appropriations

1 On page 427, line 26, increase the general fund-state  
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2020 by \$47,000

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4 On page 427, line 28, increase the general fund-state  
5 appropriation for fiscal year 2021 by \$76,000

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7 On page 427, line 35, correct the total.

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9 On page 428, line 16, strike "\$2,437,000" and insert "\$2,484,000"

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11 On page 428, line 16, strike "\$3,469,000" and insert "\$3,545,000"

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13 On page 431, in line 23 after "(j)" insert the following:  
14 "\$47,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year  
15 2020 and \$76,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for  
16 fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for the Washington state  
17 institute for public policy, in collaboration with the Washington  
18 traffic safety commission, to conduct an examination of school bus  
19 safety issues associated with seat belts in all seating positions.  
20 The institute must report findings and recommendations resulting  
21 from the examination to the superintendent of public instruction  
22 and, in accordance with RCW 43.01.036, the education and  
23 transportation committees of the house of representatives and the  
24 senate by November 15, 2020. The examination required by this  
25 subsection must include:

1 (i) A review of the best available science regarding seat belt use  
2 in all seating positions in school buses with a gross vehicle  
3 weight rating greater than ten thousand pounds;

4 (ii) A review of laws and funding practices in other states  
5 regarding:

6 (A) The purchase of school buses with seat belts in all seating  
7 positions;

8 (B) Retrofitting existing school buses with seat belts in all  
9 seating positions;

10 (C) Student use of seat belts in all seating positions; and

11 (D) Increases or decreases in student injuries attributable to the  
12 states' requirements;

13 (iii) An identification of insurance and liability issues  
14 associated with mandating the purchase of school buses with seat  
15 belts in all seating positions, retrofitting existing school buses  
16 with seat belts in all seating positions, and mandating the use of  
17 seat belts in all seating positions;

18 (iv) An identification of route scheduling issues associated with  
19 mandating the use of seat belts in all seating positions; and

20 (v) An identification of the financial issues associated with  
21 mandating the purchase of school buses with seat belts in all  
22 seating positions, retrofitting existing school buses with seat  
23 belts in all seating positions, or both, including costs,  
24 retrofitting and compatibility issues, depreciation factors, and  
25 financial impacts associated with potential changes in passenger  
26 capacity due to mandated seat belt use.

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28 (k) "  
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EFFECT: Increases the general fund-state appropriation for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to complete a study on school bus safety issues. The report must be submitted to specified committees of the legislature by November 15, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increases General Fund - State by \$123,000.

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